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OHIO CORN YIELDS AND SOYBEAN YIELDS ABOVE LAST YEAR

Based on an October 1 yield survey conducted by the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service, Ohio's average **corn** yield is estimated at 160 bushels per acre, up four bushels from last month and four bushels higher than the 2003 average State yield. If realized, this will be a new State record yield. Total production is forecast at 496 million bushels, from an expected 3.10 million harvested acres.

The average State **soybean** yield is estimated at 46 bushels per acre, up six bushels from September and 7.5 bushels above 2003. If realized, this yield will also be a new State record. Total State production is forecast at 203.3 million bushels, 23 percent more than in 2003. Soybean producers expect to harvest 4.42 million acres

U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.6 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last month and 15 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of October 1, the yield is expected to average 158.4 bushels per acre, up 9.0 bushels from September and 16.2 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous record for both was set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre. Yields are forecast

at record high levels in all Corn Belt States, except Minnesota and Wisconsin, as weather conditions have been mostly favorable throughout the growing season. Based on administrative information, acreage updates were made in several States and farmers now expect to harvest 73.3 million acres of corn for grain, down 66,000 acres from September but up three percent from 2003.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.11 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the September forecast and 27 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average a record high 42.0 bushels per acre, up 3.5 bushels from September. Below-normal temperatures and adequate moisture during August and early September across most of the Corn Belt, Great Plains, and Delta were beneficial to the crop during the final stages of development. Above-normal temperatures followed, during the rest of September, just in time for the beginning of the harvest season. Based on administrative data, acreage updates were made in several States. Area planted is now estimated at 75.1 million acres, up 256,000 acres from the August estimate. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.0 million acres, up 335,000 from September.

OHIO AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1, 2004, WITH COMPARISONS

| | Harvested | | | Yield Pe | | Product | ion |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|------|------------|-------|------------|------------|
| Crop | 2003 | 2004 | Unit | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | Thousa | nds | | | | Thousa | nds |
| | | | | OHIO | | | |
| Corn for Grain | 3,070 | 3,100 | Bu. | 156.0 | 160.0 | 478,920 | 496,000 |
| Soybeans for Beans | 4,280 | 4,420 | Bu. | 38.5 | 46.0 | 164,780 | 203,320 |
| Wheat, All | 1,000 | 890 | Bu. | 68.0 | 62.0 | 68,000 | 55,180 |
| Barley | 6 | 4 | Bu. | 58.0 | 50.0 | 348 | 200 |
| Oats | 60 | 50 | Bu. | 66.0 | 63.0 | 3,960 | 3,150 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 580 | 500 | Ton | 3.40 | 3.40 | 1,972 | 1,700 |
| Other Hay | 770 | 720 | Ton | 2.60 | 2.70 | 2,002 | 1,944 |
| Sugarbeets | 1.9 | 1.6 | Ton | 24.2 | 21.5 | 46 | 34 |
| Tobacco, All | 5.3 | 5.8 | Lb. | 1,650 | 1,900 | 8,745 | 11,020 |
| Apples | - | - | Lb. | - | - | 90,000 | 89,000 |
| Grapes | - | - | Ton | - | - | 8.1 | 7.1 |
| | | | | UNITED ST. | ATES | | |
| Corn for Grain | 71,139 | 73,311 | Bu. | 142.2 | 158.4 | 10,113,887 | 11,613,226 |
| Soybeans for Beans | 72,476 | 73,990 | Bu. | 33.9 | 42.0 | 2,453,665 | 3,106,861 |
| Wheat, All | 53,063 | 50,204 | Bu. | 44.2 | 43.1 | 2,344,760 | 2,163,520 |
| Barley | 4,727 | 4,031 | Bu. | 58.9 | 69.5 | 278,283 | 280,103 |
| Oats | 2,220 | 1,807 | Bu. | 65.0 | 64.5 | 144,383 | 116,505 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 23,578 | 22,226 | Ton | 3.24 | 3.48 | 76,307 | 77,371 |
| Other Hay | 39,764 | 39,363 | Ton | 2.03 | 2.25 | 80,816 | 88,549 |
| Sugarbeets | 1,347.9 | 1,326.0 | Ton | 22.7 | 21.7 | 30,583 | 28,840 |
| Tobacco, All | 411.2 | 409.6 | Lb. | 1,952 | 2,156 | 802,654 | 883,168 |
| Apples | - | - | Lb. | - | - | 8,613,300 | 9,458,900 |
| Grapes | - | - | Ton | - | - | 6,572.7 | 6,073.0 |

SEPTEMBER 1 SOYBEAN STOCKS IN OHIO DOWN 62 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Ohio's old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 39.6 million bushels, up eight percent from September 1, 2003. Off-farm storage accounted for 56 percent of total storage, compared to 64 percent the previous September. Off farm stocks decreased six percent from 2003 to 22.1 million bushels. On farm stocks at 17.5 million bushels increased 35 percent from September 1, 2003.

Ohio old crop Soybean stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 3.6 million bushels, down 62 percent from September 1, 2003. Off-farm storage accounted for 78 percent of total storage, compared to 72 percent the previous September. Offfarm storage decreased by 59 percent from 2003 to 2.82 million bushels. On farm stocks at 800,000 bushels decreased 70 percent from a year ago.

Ohio's All wheat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 64.2 million bushels, down nine percent from last year. Off-farm stocks represent 93 percent of the wheat stored in Ohio. Off farm stocks decreased eight percent from last year. Ohio oats stored off-farms on September 1 totaled 1.09 million bushels, down 48 percent from September 1, 2003.

U.S. old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 958 million bushels, down 12 percent from September 1,

2003. Of the total stocks, 438 million bushels are stored on farms, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 520 million bushels, are down 14 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 2.01 billion bushels, compared with 1.90 billion bushels during the same period last year.

U.S. old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 112 million bushels, down 37 percent from September 1, 2003. This is the lowest ending stocks level since 1977. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 29.4 million bushels, down 49 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks are down 31 percent from September 1, 2003, to 83.1 million bushels. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2004 totaled 298 million bushels, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. all wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 1.94 billion bushels, down five percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 796 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 769 million bushels, down four percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN STOCKS SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

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| Crop and Position | | Sept 2003 | June 2004 | Sept 2004 | Sept 2003 | June 2004 2/ | Sept 2004 |
| | | | 1,000 Bu. | • | | 1,000 Bu. | |
| Corn | On-farm | 13,000 | 52,000 | 17,500 | 484,900 | 1,540,000 | 438,000 |
| | Off-farm | 23,488 | 79,372 | 22,054 | 601,773 | 1,430,140 | 519,672 |
| | Total | 36,488 | 131,372 | 39,554 | 1,086,673 | 2,970,140 | 957,672 |
| Soybeans | On-farm | 2,700 | 4,900 | 800 | 58,000 | 110,000 | 29,400 |
| • | Off-farm | 6,852 | 14,182 | 2,822 | 120,329 | 300,604 | 83,089 |
| | Total | 9,552 | 19,082 | 3,622 | 178,329 | 410,604 | 112,489 |
| All Wheat | On-farm | 4,900 | 200 | 4,200 | 687,320 | 131,880 | 795,600 |
| | Off-farm | 65,451 | 27,244 | 59,977 | 1,351,652 | 414,939 | 1,146,115 |
| | Total | 70,351 | 27,444 | 64,177 | 2,038,972 | 546,819 | 1,941,715 |
| Oats | On-farm | _ | - | - | 82,100 | 27,500 | 74,800 |
| | Off-farm | 2,090 | 2,197 | 1,092 | 49,637 | 37,348 | 41,454 |
| | Total | | <u> </u> | | 131,737 | 64,848 | 116,254 |

^{1/} Off-farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. 2/ Revised.

CROPLAND RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH PER ACRE, BY STATE, 2000-04

| State | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | | | Dollars | | |
| Corn Belt: | 103.00 | 106.00 | 108.00 | 110.00 | 114.00 |
| Illinois | 119.00 | 119.00 | 122.00 | 123.00 | 126.00 |
| Indiana | 100.00 | 100.00 | 101.00 | 103.00 | 107.00 |
| Iowa | 115.00 | 117.00 | 120.00 | 122.00 | 126.00 |
| Missouri | | | | | |
| Non-Irrigated | 62.00 | 65.00 | 66.00 | 70.00 | 76.00 |
| Ohio | 74.00 | 76.50 | 77.00 | 78.00 | 80.00 |

^{*}Revised

OHIO HOGS AND CATTLE PRICE DOWN IN SEPTEMBER

Hog prices during the month of September in Ohio averaged \$50.60 per cwt., down \$2.20 per cwt. from August but \$10.40 per cwt. higher than at the same time last year. Sow prices at \$42.00 per cwt. are down \$1.70 from August but are \$10.50 higher than they were in September of 2003. The September barrow and gilt price of \$51.00 per cwt. is down \$2.20 from the August price but \$9.90 higher than the previous September. Beef cattle prices averaged \$76.50 per cwt., down \$1.50 per cwt. from August and \$1.90 per cwt. below the previous year. The steer and heifer price at \$80.00 per cwt. dropped \$1.40 from August and is \$2.60 below the September 2003 average price. September cow prices at \$45.00 per cwt. are down \$2.10 from August but are \$4.00 higher than at the same time last year. Calves, at \$107.00 per cwt. are down \$6.00 from the previous month but are \$17.70 per cwt. higher than they were a year ago. The September egg price at 36.0 cents per dozen is up 4.1 cents per dozen from August. The average milk price in September of \$15.50 per cwt., is up 20 cents per cwt. from August and 60 cents higher than the September 2003 price of \$14.90 per cwt.

The September winter wheat price of \$3.17 is up 15 cents from the previous month but 19 cents below the September 2003 price. Corn at \$2.21 is down 15 cents from August and 10 cents below the previous September price of \$2.31. The average soybean

price of \$5.64 is down from the August price of \$6.49 and 52 cents below the previous September price. Alfalfa hay prices averaged \$120.00 per ton in September. Unchanged from the previous month but \$24.00 less than was received in September of 2003. Other hay at \$59.00 per ton is also unchanged from August

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5.0 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 7 points (5.9 percent) from August while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from September 2003. The Food Commodities Index declined 6 points (4.9 percent) from last month to 117. The index stands 5 points (4.5 percent) above September 2003.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND UNITED STATES

| | SEPTEM | BER 2004 WITH CO | OMPARISONS | | |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | Ohio | | U.S. |
| Commodity 1/ | Unit | Sept. 2003 | Aug. 2004 | Sept. 2004 | Sept. 2004 |
| Winter wheat | Bu. \$ | 3.36 | 3.02 | 3.17 | 3.36 |
| Corn | Bu. \$ | 2.31 | 2.36 | 2.21 | 2.13 |
| Soybeans | Bu. \$ | 6.16 | 6.49 | 5.64 | 5.77 |
| Oats | Bu. \$ | 1.77 | 1.75 | 5/ | 1.33 |
| All hay, baled 2/ | Ton \$ | 125.00 | 101.00 | 106.00 | 87.70 |
| Alfalfa hay, baled | Ton \$ | 144.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 95.50 |
| Other hay, baled | Ton \$ | 62.00 | 59.00 | 59.00 | 65.70 |
| Potatoes | Cwt \$ | 7.40 | 7.05 | 9.20 | 5.21 |
| Apples, fresh use | Lb \$ | 0.310 | 0.330 | 0.320 | 0.272 |
| Hogs | Cwt \$ | 40.20 | 52.80 | 50.60 | 53.70 |
| Sows | Cwt \$ | 31.50 | 43.70 | 42.00 | 41.60 |
| Barrows and gilts | Cwt \$ | 41.10 | 53.20 | 51.00 | 54.30 |
| All beef cattle | Cwt \$ | 78.40 | 78.00 | 76.50 | 86.30 |
| Cows | Cwt \$ | 41.00 | 47.10 | 45.00 | 52.80 |
| Steers and heifers | Cwt \$ | 82.60 | 81.40 | 80.00 | 89.80 |
| Calves | Cwt \$ | 89.30 | 113.00 | 107.00 | 129.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt \$ | 38.00 | 40.60 | - | - |
| Lambs | Cwt \$ | 87.00 | 87.80 | - | - |
| Milk sold to plants | Cwt \$ | 14.90 | 15.30 | 15.50 | 15.10 |
| Milk for fluid use | Cwt \$ | 15.00 | 15.30 | - | 15.20 |
| Milk of mfg. grade | Cwt \$ | 13.40 | 14.50 | - | 14.50 |
| Eggs 3/ | Doz\$ | 0.622 | 0.319 | 0.360 | 0.351 |
| Hog-corn ratio 4/ | | 17.4 | 22.4 | 22.9 | 25.2 |

1/ Monthly average except for current month. Current month is mid-month price. 2/ Mid-month price for all months. 3/ Fresh market (table) eggs. 4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

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| | Corn | | Wheat | | Soybeans | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 |
| | | | Million | Bushels | | |
| Beginning Stocks | 1,087 | 958 | 491 | 547 | 178 | 112 |
| Production | 10,114 | 11,613 | 2,345 | 2,164 | 2,454 | 3,107 |
| Imports | 13 | 15 | 72 | 60 | 6 | 6 |
| Total Supply | 11,214 | 12,586 | 2,909 | 2,770 | 2,638 | 3,225 |
| Domestic Use | 8,356 | 8,820 | 1,202 | 1,226 | 1,641 | 1,795 |
| Exports | 1,900 | 2,075 | 1,159 | 975 | 885 | 1,025 |
| Total Use | 10,256 | 10,895 | 2,362 | 2,201 | 2,526 | 2,820 |
| Ending Stocks, Total | 958 | 1,691 | 547 | 569 | 112 | 405 |
| Average Price (\$/bu.) | 2.42 | 1.75-2.15 | 3.40 | 3.10-3.50 | 7.34 | 4.70-5.50 |

^{1/} From World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, ERS, FAS, USDA.

CORN FOR GRAIN: EARS PER ACRE

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts objective yield surveys in 7 major corn producing states each year. Randomly selected plots in corn for grain fields are visited monthly from August through harvest to obtain specific counts and measurements. Data in this table are rounded actual field counts from this survey.

Corn for Grain: Number of Ears per Acre, Selected States, 2000-04

| State | Month | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number |
| Illinois | October | 25,450 | 25,550 | 25,050 | 26,700 | 27,400 |
| | November | 25,450 | 25,550 | 25,000 | 26,650 | - - |
| Indiana | October | 24,550 | 25,350 | 23,650 | 25,400 | 25,950 |
| | November | 24,650 | 25,400 | 23,650 | 25,350 | - |
| Iowa | October | 25,600 | 25,350 | 25,800 | 26,550 | 27,550 |
| | November | 25,650 | 25,250 | 25,800 | 26,600 | - |
| Minnesota | October | 27,350 | 26,750 | 26,150 | 28,650 | 29,250 |
| | November | 27,250 | 26,700 | 26,100 | 28,600 | - |
| Nebraska | October | 22,750 | 21,950 | 21,250 | 22,650 | 24,000 |
| | November | 22,700 | 22,050 | 21,200 | 22,600 | · - |
| Ohio | October | 24,250 | 25,250 | 22,400 | 25,700 | 26,000 |
| | November | 23,950 | 25,150 | 22,350 | 25,750 | - |
| Wisconsin | October | 25,500 | 26,100 | 25,050 | 26,300 | 27,150 |
| | November | 25,550 | 26,100 | 25,250 | 26,250 | - |

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